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*Hosanna*



# MT. ZION

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *O Lord Jesus Christ, as we celebrate Your advent on this first Sunday of the church year send Your Holy Spirit to open our hearts. Come with Your blessing upon our congregation, giving faithfulness to our pastor and success to his efforts, bestowing upon all our members brotherly love for one another and a zeal to spread the Gospel. Finally, come Lord Jesus! Amen.*

## Today's Worship!

### Greeting and Prayer

#### Opening Hymn 331 *The Advent of Our King*

**1** *The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.*

**2** *The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on To set His servants free.*

**3** *O Zion's daughter, rise To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise The peace He comes to bring.*

**4** *As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again  
And His true members all unite With Him in heav'n to reign.*

**5** *Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.*

**6** *All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.*

### The Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen!

### The Confession and Absolution of Sins

*We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

**C** Amen!

## Lord, Have Mercy

*Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

## Glory to God in the Highest (TLH 62:1-2 Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel)

*Gloria in Excelsis – Latin for “Glory in the Highest (to God).” A hymn glorifying and praising our God.*

1 Oh, come, Oh, come, Em-man - u - el, And ran-som cap-tive  
2 Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jes - - se, free Thine own from Sa-tan's  
Is - - ra - el That mourns in lone-ly ex - - ile here Un-  
tyr - - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save And  
til the Son of God ap-pear. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-  
give them vic-t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-  
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.  
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.

## The Prayer for the Day

*The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.*

**P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 23:5-8*

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.' <sup>7</sup>

"Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' <sup>8</sup> but 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."

## The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 24*

**P** The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

**C** For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

**P** Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**C** He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

**P** He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**C** Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

**P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**C** Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

**P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**C** Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

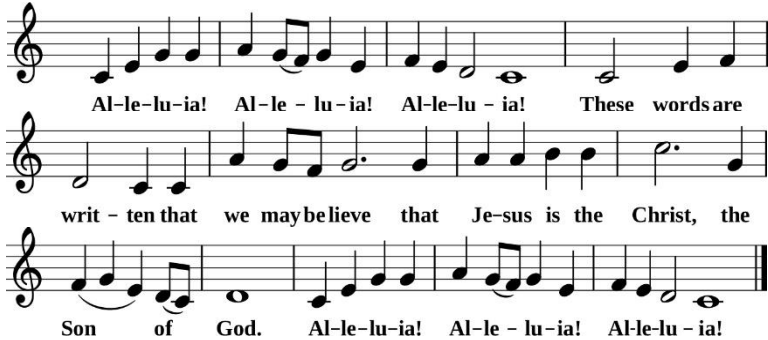
Psalms,  
Hymns,  
&  
Spiritual  
Songs



## The Epistle Reading: *Romans 13:11-14*

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are  
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the  
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

## The Nicene Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

## Hymn 359 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

*1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming As prophets long have sung,  
It came, a flow'ret bright, Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.*

*2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, She bore to us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.*

*3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God, From sin and death he saves us  
And lightens ev'ry load.*

*4 O Savior, child of Mary, Who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, King of glory, Who dost our weakness know:  
Bring us at length we pray To the bright courts of heaven,  
And to the endless day.*

### **The Sermon: Matthew 21:1-9**

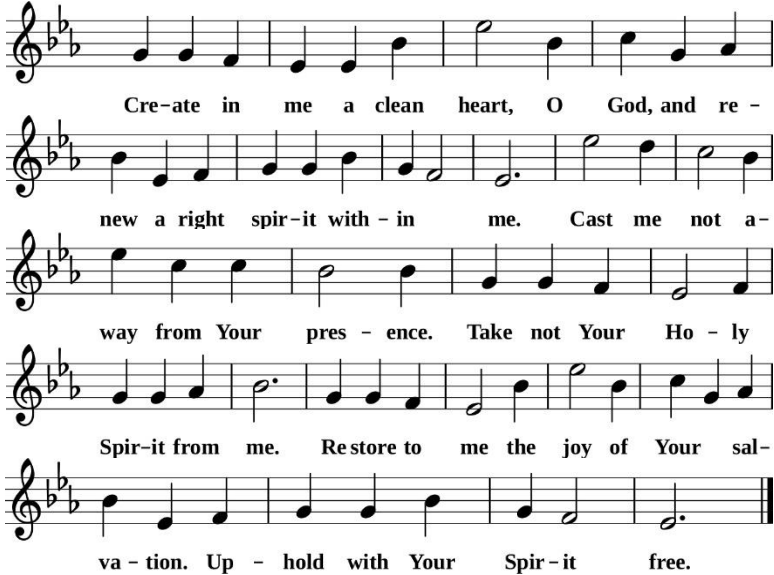
Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

### **Theme: HOSANNA TO THE NEWBORN KING!**

- I. He comes with humility, not worldly hype.
- II. He comes to save us by sacrificing Himself.

## The Offertory

*Having heard God's Word, we pray for spiritual healing through the gift of the Holy Spirit.*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -  
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

## Hymn 343 Prepare the Royal Highway

**1 Prepare the royal highway, The King of kings is near!  
Let every hill and valley A level road appear!**

**Then greet the King of glory foretold in sacred story:**

**[Refrain]: Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!**

**2 God's people, see Him coming: your own eternal king!**

**Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! [Refrain]**

**3 Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!**

**Tour king, yet every nation Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before him! All voices, thus adore Him! [Refrain]**

**4 His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heaven above.**

**His rule is peace and freedom, And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding: [Refrain]**

## The Offering of Thankful Hearts

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's Sçashtag is "Scicmtzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse*

**(788:1): Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand  
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.**

**Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true  
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.**

## Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Service of the Sacrament

*Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the Messiah, the very Lamb, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory; Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

## Holy, Holy, Holy

*The Sanctus – Latin for “Holy.” We join our voices to the angels who sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” around His throne.”*



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and  
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -  
san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly  
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!



## Words of Institution

*The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.*

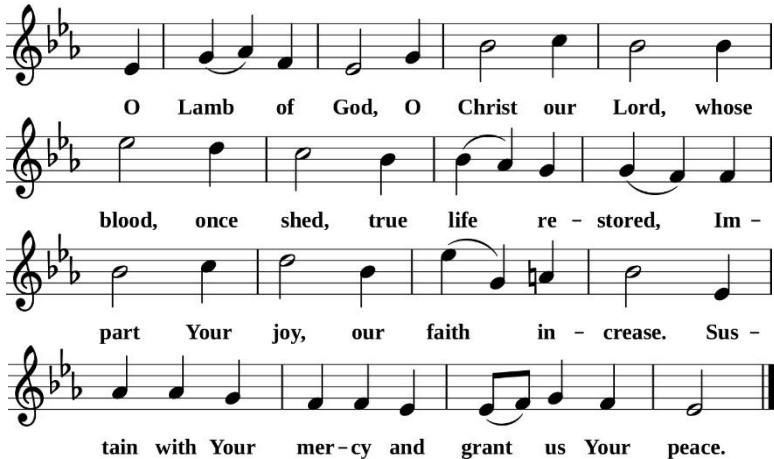
**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

## Lamb of God

*The Agnus Dei – Latin for "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to be thinking about the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross.*



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose  
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

## Distribution of the Sacrament

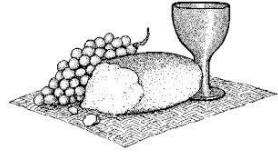
### Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

**1 Corinthians 1:10** "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

**1 Corinthians 11:26-30** "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."



## O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

*The Nunc Dimittis – Latin for "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)*

O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly  
 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the

peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing  
 Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -

grace: A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly  
 One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er

hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your  
 be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through

cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 all e - ter - ni - ty.

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## Thanksgiving

*We give thanks and praise the LORD for the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.*

My heart has now become Your dwelling, O blessed ho-ly Trin-i-ty. With an-gels I, Your prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## The Benediction

*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C** Amen!

## Closing Hymn 340:1 *Life Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

**1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!**

**Behold, the King of glory waits.**

**The King of kings is drawing near;**

**The Savior of the world is here.**

**Life and salvation He doth bring;**

**Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.**

**To God the Father raise**

**Your joyful songs of praise.**

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## *Worship at Mt. Zion*

We have a singular goal in our worship: “Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools.” (Ecc. 5:1 NKJV)

Our service follows the historic Biblical style of using a liturgy. The liturgy is meant to give order and structure to the worship service. We try to keep our worship respectful in order to foster an atmosphere which allows us to focus on the power of God’s Word. Our service is also meant to be reflective so that each individual can hear, understand, and meditate upon the wonderful works of God! (Acts 2:11)

The Bible teaches that God creates and sustains faith in a person’s heart through the power of His Word: Romans 1:16: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” In our fast-paced society, meditative and reflective worship is sometimes considered outdated, irrelevant, or boring. Yet, God Himself says, “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of God” (Romans 10:17). God has not changed His method of reaching people with the hope of forgiveness simply because our society has changed. He remains the same and His Word remains powerful.

If the worship service seems strange to you, don’t give up right away! Stick with it, try to learn something new each week, and develop a habit of being present in God’s house. The ability to quietly listen and learn is an acquired skill that takes time and practice. Our prayer each week is that we grow in our ability to listen to God’s Word and thereby increase our faith in Jesus. We hope you will continue to join us!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*If the LORD wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15*

**WELCOME EVERYONE!** We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain our beliefs and teachings. Where & when? Your convenience.

**A CLEVELAND AREA WORSHIP SERVICE** is today at 4pm at the Hughes home in North Olmstead. May God grant safe travel to all attendees!

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES:** A password is a word that helps you get INTO the place you want to go. This is the time of year when a lot of us are beginning to "get into" Christmas. There's snow on the way, the air is frosty, and all the stores are having their Christmas sales. As Christians, however, we know that the true meaning of Christmas lies deeper than these things. It's a special place. We've been there before, and we want to go back again this year. Join us the next three Wednesdays at 7pm as we "get into" the real Christmas again using the Midweek Advent Series Theme: *Advent Passwords*.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Sermon Text &amp; Theme</b>
<b>Dec. 6</b>	Pastor Mike Wilke	1 John 4:9-11 <i>Password: Love</i>
<b>Dec. 13</b>	Pastor Tom Naumann	Psalm 130:5-8 <i>Password: Watch</i>
<b>Dec. 20</b>	Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld	Matthew 1:18-24 <i>Password: Trust</i>

**AN AFTER-CHRISTMAS PARTY** is being planned by the Outreach Committee for Friday, January 19. Food, games, and a white elephant gift exchange! Everyone is welcome, so please mark your calendar.

### **MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR**

<b>Today</b>	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
<b>Wed. 12/6</b>	7pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Midweek Advent Service
<b>Sun. 12/10</b>	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10am	Divine Worship Service
<b>Tue. 12/12</b>	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach Meetings
<b>Tue. 12/19</b>	7pm	Board of Finance Meeting
<b>Sun. 12/24</b>	10am	NO Sunday Service
	4pm?	Children's Christmas Eve Service
<b>Mon. 12/25</b>	10am	Christmas Day Service

### **SERVING US THIS MONTH:**

Usher: Carl Ryan    Church Cleaning: Troyans

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL** \*Offering numbers are from 11/26/23

Last Sunday Service Attendance: 31 Bible Class/Sunday School: 9

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$96,711.54	Bi-Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted:	\$4115.38
General Fund Offerings Received YTD:	\$100,497.82	Bi-Weekly General Fund Offerings Received:	\$4254.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$10049.78
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$84,261.99

**IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST**

*Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18*

**Jackie McGruder** remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. **Jay Sandeen** is deployed with his army unit in Kuwait. The **Naumanns** are expecting a baby in April. **CLC Pastor John Hein**, 56, Grace, Fridley MN, is being treated for thymic carcinoma cancer. **Kate Sauers**, wife of CLC pastor Rob Sauers, is being treated for lymphoma cancer.

**CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1*

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran of Saginaw, MI, *is still considering* the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC *is still considering* a call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

**2024 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP:** Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Apply now so you can be part of this opportunity to spread the Gospel to children in either Kenya/Uganda, Tanzania, or Zambia for about three weeks. The application deadline is January 16th. Find more information and apply online at [www.mht.lutheranmissions.org](http://www.mht.lutheranmissions.org).

**NOMINATION FOR ILC PROFESSOR AND ILC PRESIDENT:** The Board of Regents announces the following nominations to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor Mark Kranz at the end of the 2023-24 academic year: Neil Bernthal, Jeff Karnitz, Joshua Ohlmann, Dan Roehl, Seth Schaller, Steve Sydow, Matthew Thurow, Paul Tiefel III, and Matthew Ude. In addition, the following and only person has been nominated for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Daniel Schierenbeck. The term of the ILC President's call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2026. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight January 2, 2024 (letters postmarked December 23, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: [jeb6217@yahoo.com](mailto:jeb6217@yahoo.com).